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UNITED STATED BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – SANTA ANA DIVISION

In re: Case No.: 8:23-bk-10571-SC

THE LITIGATION PRACTICE GROUP P.C., CHAPTER 11

Debtor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF MOTION AND HEARING ON MOTION BY DVF AND MC DVI TO DISMISS CHAPTER 11 CASE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 105, 305, 349, & 1112, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE CONVERT THIS CASE TO CHAPTER 7 OR APPOINT A TRUSTEE

DATE: May 17, 2023 TIME: 1:30 p.m. CRTRM: 5C – Virtual¹

TO THE HONORABLE SCOTT C. CLARKSON, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE, DEBTOR, DEBTOR'S COUNSEL THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE, CREDITORS, AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will take place on May 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. regarding the Motion by DVF and MC DVI to Dismiss Chapter 11 case Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105, 305, 349, & 1112, or in the Alternative Convert This Case to Chapter 7 or Appoint a Trustee ("Motion") filed by Debt Validation Fund II, LLC, ("DVF"), MC DVI Fund 1, LLC, and MC DVI Fund 2, LLC (collectively "MC DVI," and with DVF "Creditors") [Docket No. 44].

The Motion is based upon the Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the Declaration of G. Michael Brelje ("Brelje Declaration"), all pleadings, papers and records on file with the Court and such other evidence, oral or documentary, as may be presented to the Court at the time of the hearing on the Motion. A copy of the Motion and Declaration will be provided to any creditor upon written request made to the Firm at the addresses in the upper left corner of this notice.

As set forth in the Motion, the bankruptcy filing of The Litigation Practice Group P.C. ("Debtor" or "LPG") is a sham. In August 2022, LPG convinced Creditors to enter promissory notes dated September 1, 2022, for monies LPG owed Creditors. The

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principal owed was \$66.4 million (for DVF) and \$37.4 million (for MC DVI), with significantly more owed to account for interest. Then, LPG began systematically, and intentionally, dissipating its assets and transferring its business to new entities in an admitted attempt to avoid LPG's liabilities. For instance, within a month of entering the Notes, LPG "sold" \$40 million of receivables for *one dollar*, *i.e.*, 0.000002% of the value of the receivables. *See* Brelje Declaration, Ex. 3. It also transferred all its "good" performing clients to a new law firm called Oakstone Law Group PC, and effectively completely shut down its business and operations.

During this period, LPG also fought tooth-and-nail to avoid having a receiver placed over its business in a California State-court lawsuit filed by another creditor named Validation Partners LLC; a lawsuit and request that Creditors joined. It lost that fight on March 10, 2023 when the State-court judge ordered that Byron Moldo be named Receiver. However, LPG's lawyers—its third set to appear in that litigation—prevented Mr. Moldo from taking over by requesting the right to file objections to the scope of Mr. Moldo's powers, and taking advantage of the delay to file the instant bankruptcy, thereby staying the State-court case before the judge could enter a final order.

LPG is using bankruptcy as a sham, and filed its Petition in bad faith, to allow its principals to delay and, they hope, prevent Mr. Moldo from taking over and discovering the full extent of their malfeasance and fraud. This is unfortunately not surprising. Tony Diab, who controls LPG, is a disbarred lawyer who stole money from at least one client and forged a judge's signature on a fake order.

IF YOU DO NOT OPPOSE THE MOTION, YOU NEED NOT TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION. HOWEVER, IF YOU DO OPPOSE THE MOTION, PURSUANT TO LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 9013-1, ANY OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION MUST BE FILED WITH THE COURT NO LATER THAN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING ON THE MOTION. YOU MUST FILE ANY SUCH OPPOSITION WITH THE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, LOCATED AT 411 WEST FOURTH STREET, SUITE 9041, SANTA ANA, CA 92701. YOU MUST ALSO SERVE A COPY OF ANY SUCH OPPOSITION UPON COUNSELS AT THE MAILING ADDRESS STATED IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER OF THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS NOTICE AND UPON THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE LOCATED AT 411 WEST FOURTH STREET, SANTA ANA, CA 92701. ALTERNATIVELY, YOU MAY FILE AND SERVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT THAT CREDITORS' MOTION TO DISMISS WILL NOT BE OPPOSED. FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE AND SERVE AN OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION MAY RESULT IN ANY SUCH OPPOSITION BEING WAIVED, AND THE COURT MAY ENTER AN ORDER GRANTING THE MOTION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE. MOREOVER, SHOULD YOU FAIL TO ATTEND THE HEARING ON THE MOTION, THE COURT IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER YOUR DEFAULT AND TO GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED BY THE DEBTOR IN THE MOTION.

Creditors respectfully request that this Court grant this motion for dismissal in its entirety, dismiss Debtor's Chapter 11 case with prejudice, and impose a 180-day bar to refiling under any chapter of the Bankruptcy Code to prevent LPG from attempting to further delay the State Court actions, or to interfere with the performance of the Receiver's duties as ordered by the State Court. If the Court is not inclined to Debtor's Chapter 11 case, Creditors respectfully request the Court convert the case to Chapter 7 or appoint a trustee, in the alternative.

Dated: April 19, 2023

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PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is: 1301 Dove Street, Suite 500, Newport Beach, CA 92660

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF HEARING ON MOTION BY DVF AND MC DVI TO DISMISS CHAPTER 11 CASE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 105, 305, 349, & 1112, OR IN THE ALTERANATIVE CONVERT THIS CASE TO CHAPTER 7 OR APPOINT A TRUSTEE will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

- 1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On <u>April 19, 2023</u>, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:
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 2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL: On April 19, 2023, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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- 3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (state method for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on April , 2023, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

April 19, 2023 Silvia Villegas /s/Silvia Villegas

Date Printed Name Signature

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